

Most high school grads college bound

Recently released surveys indicate that nine out of ten graduates from Oregon colleges and universities are either working or have continued their education, and that 70 per cent of this past June's high school graduates intend to enroll in post-secondary schools.

Two surveys were released last week to the State Board of Higher Education by the state's Educational Coordinating Council (ECC). One survey assessed the educational plans of this past year's high school seniors; the other surveyed recent graduates from post-secondary schools to find out if their education satisfied their needs. The surveys were taken to observe the changing characteristics and needs of students in the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

The high school survey, titled "Future Plans of Oregon High School Seniors," was conducted in the fall of 1971.

A total of 28,059 questionnaires were used in the study, approximately 78 per cent of the total number of high school seniors in Oregon at the time. The report listed six major findings:

—The majority (70 per cent) of Oregon high school seniors who graduated in 1972 plan to continue their education at the post-secondary level in the fall of 1972.

—The future educational plans of Oregon high school seniors are closely related to the educational background of their parents."

Specific findings show that 40.1 per cent of students whose parents had a high school education or less intended to enroll in post-secondary education on a full time basis in the fall. The figure increased to 58.3 per cent for offspring of persons with some post secondary education, and was highest (66.3 per cent) for students whose parents are post secondary school graduates.

—The post-high school plans of members of certain minority groups in Oregon are significantly different from the majority of high school seniors."

Oriental Americans were the group with the highest percentage (63.0) intending to continue at the post-secondary level on a full time basis. The figures for other groups were blacks (51.7), whites (46.9), American Indians (40.3), Mexican Americans (37.6) and

others (40.6). Both American Indians and Mexican Americans indicated they would pursue military work, or homemaking activities upon high school graduation, far above the figures for the other groups.

—The vast majority of Oregon high school seniors who plan to continue their education at the post-secondary level intend to enroll in Oregon institutions.

Slightly more than half of those students planning to attend post-secondary schools in Oregon listed one of the state's universities or colleges as their first preference.

—Roughly an equal number of Oregon high school seniors plan to enroll in vocational-technical programs as intend to enroll in academic programs at the post-secondary level.

The major exceptions to the above were Oriental Americans and Mexican Americans. Academic majors were indicated by 63.7 per cent of the Oriental sample.

Of the Mexican-Americans, 58.2 per cent listed a vocational-technical program as their preference with 41.8 per cent planning to enroll as academic majors.

—The primary reason motivating Oregon high school seniors to pursue post-high school education is a desire to learn skills which are necessary for a job or a career."

The largest deviations from this pattern were found in the college preparatory group, where only 77.7 per cent listed job or career skills as the reason for wanting to attend college. In comparison, students in vocational-technical programs measured 91.2 per cent in that category, while students in combined or general programs measured 84.4 per cent. The largest alternate reason for wanting to attend college among the three groups was "to acquire a better self understanding." Percentages ranged from 6.0 per cent for college preps to 2.1 per cent for vocational-technical students.

The report on high school graduates concluded with an assessment of the implications of the findings for the state system of higher education. Among other things, the report stated "... it seems apparent that the demands for post-high school training in academic areas will increase significantly in future years. Further study is clearly needed

to determine the implications of this trend for the labor market in the state of Oregon."

Also noted were the preferences of Indians and Mexicans for vocational-technical education. "This finding would seem to imply that special efforts need to be made to explore the educational needs of these groups to insure that their lack of interest in post-high school training is not a result of racial or religious discrimination."

The college graduate report, based on other survey conducted by ECC, was designed to discover how well the needs of students in private and public four-year institutions and community colleges were fulfilled.

"The extent to which the career preparation needs of recent post-secondary graduates have been satisfied varies depending on the type of program completed, but very little variation was found to exist among the three major educational segments (private and public four-year institutions and community colleges) in this regard," concluded the report.

"The vast majority of graduates from all programs and institutions whose prime motivation for attending college was occupational and who pursued full-time employment upon graduation are employed in jobs which are either directly or indirectly related to their educational training," the report stated.

Each graduate was asked in the survey to indicate his three most important reasons for having attended a post-secondary institution so the ECC could compare the graduates' expectations prior to graduation with their actual experiences after graduation.

The comparison made using the expectations of the graduates showed that 70 per cent of all those surveyed originally attended post-secondary school in order to obtain skills necessary for a job or career. About 84 per cent of those wishing to obtain skills are now working in jobs either directly or indirectly related to their post-secondary training.

Survey respondents were given an opportunity to suggest possible improvements in the educational system in a section of the survey designed "to identify potential improvements in the processes of education, not criticize any particular aspects of the existing system," stated the report.

Motions heard in charter case

Federal district court judge Robert Belloni heard arguments Monday in Portland on a series of motions in a lawsuit filed against two Washington-based travel firms involved in a charter airlines bankruptcy case.

The suit was filed against International Travel, Inc. and its owners Joel and June Eisenberg, and American European Federation.

Tickets were sold on British-based Lloyd's International Airways charter flights. When Lloyd's went into receivership in June many Oregonians as well as other people throughout the Northwest were left with worthless tickets.

Belloni was to hear a motion to make all Oregon holders of tickets parties to the class-action suit. There were three other motions one sought to order forcing the travel firms to disclose their assets, another motion wished to restrain them from transferring any assets, the last was to start a \$1,000 per day punishment for contempt of court because the firm allegedly failed to obey previous court orders.

Air war, military contractors target of peace group boycott

The automated air war in Indochina and the corporations which are important contractors for it are the targets of a boycott conducted this summer by the Peace Center and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

The three corporations mentioned specifically in the boycott are ITT, Honeywell, and General Electric, which all manufacture

many items used in the home. The boycotters suggest buying locally-manufactured products or products from corporations not involved in the war, instead of products from these corporations.

In connection with the boycott activities, said Carol Goertzl of WILPF, the Peace Center and the WILPF are presenting a slide show in the EMU on Thursday. The slides show the effects of the automated air war and the

ecocide it has caused in Indochina.

Besides the boycott and the slide show, said Goertzl, there will be a table with information on the air war Thursday on the EMU terrace. A display showing the effects of the air war is currently being shown on the downtown Mall.

Goertzl said that many people do not realize the many different products the boycotted corporations make. ITT, for example, she said, makes all the Canteen products sold in vending machines. The object of the boycott, she said, is to make people aware of the destruction caused by the air war and to get them actively involved in opposing it.

Blitz, University clear up survey misunderstanding

The Blitz-Weinhard Company and the University have ironed out a misunderstanding caused by the Tavern Preference Marketing Survey, ASUO president Bill Wyatt said Sunday. A local representative from the company met with ASUO officials last week.

The survey was conducted by the University's marketing department to investigate the feasibility of a student owned and operated tavern in the EMU. Although there was no question in the survey dealing specifically with the brand of beer students preferred, students had added comments saying they preferred that the EMU tavern not serve Blitz beer.

The report compiled from the Oregon Daily Emerald

findings of the survey states: "A maybe minor point, but as remarkably many students mentioned it, we would like to repeat it here: the tavern should not serve Blitz beer; any other brand is okay but no Blitz."

Wyatt said he felt the survey was "inaccurate in this respect." He said that out of 175 responses to the survey, only 11 students wrote in that they did not want Blitz served.

Tim Travis, ASUO chief administrative assistant, said, "Two of the taverns in Eugene that sell the most beer to students, Duffy's and Max's, both have Blitz on tap." Travis added, "There are no hard feelings with Blitz, everything is straightened out."



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